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1. The old artillery barracks is at the northern edge of the town, near the bed in the Campulung-Buchea de Sus road. The barracks consists of a staff building, enlisted quarters, a stable, a garage for guns and a depot building. It can take 650 men at most.
2. It is now occupied by a horse-drawn artillery section. It has a staff of about 55 men. The 1st Battery is commanded by First Lt. Varescu, a well-trained officer. It has 82 to 85 men, consisting of a staff of 6, an observation squad of 10, a heavy machine gun squad of 10, a replacement squad of 15, two half-platoons of 16 men each. There are four 76.2 mm guns, drawn by mules; other armament consists of 5 pistols, two machine pistols, four light machine guns, 65 rifles, 5 to 10 bazookas, 150 to 170 grenades. The 2nd Battery is like the 1st in organization and equipment. The 3rd Battery is commanded by Lt. Jan Odlak, and similarly organized and equipped. There is a target range command of 60 to 65 men, a provisional formation, which builds firing-positions and looks after security during target practice.
3. In October 1952 and October 1953 each, the formation received 110 to 120 recruits for training, who took basic infantry courses lasting through the following February before being trained with the guns. Morale in all formations is poor.
4. The artillery target range is six km northeast of Campulung, near Buchea de Sus. There are no permanent buildings.
5. The munitions depot is in a wood at the foot of a hill, 1.5 km northeast of the Campulung-Buchea de Sus road, near the village of Albesti. An area of 240 to 500 m is surrounded by barbed wire. There are two bunkers, dug into the side of the hill and two buildings. Attached to it are a work detail of 16 to 17 men, and a guard of 12.

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